

ARKANSAS SENATE
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 129

"TO INCREASE THE AD HOC BENEFITS TO RETIRANTS AND BENEFICIARIES OF
RETIRANTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 129.

Amend Senate Bill No. 129 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete the title and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A ONE-TIME AD HOC BENEFIT INCREASE FOR RETIRANTS,
SURVIVORS, AND BENEFICIARIES OF RETIRANTS IN THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT
SYTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Page 1, delete the subtitle and substitute the following:

"TO AUTHORIZE A ONE-TIME AD HOC BENEFIT INCREASE FOR RETIRANTS, SURVIVORS,
AND BENEFICIARIES OF RETIRANTS IN THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYTEM."

Page 1, delete all the language after the enacting clause and substitute the
following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 24, Chapter 7, is amended to add an
additional subchapter to read as follows:

24-7-1501. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Retirants' Ad hoc
Increase Act".

24-7-1502. Benefit generally.

(a) The annual benefit payable to eligible retirees, survivors, and
beneficiaries of retirants of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System shall be
subject to a one-time ad hoc increase based on the retirant's years of
credited service which is grouped within descending decades as calculated by
subtracting the total years of credited service from the date of retirement.

(1) A break in credited service is not considered under this
subchapter.

(2) Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan (T-DROP)
participants shall have the total years of credited service subtracted from
the date of entry into T-DROP.

(b)(1) One half (1/2) of the annual dollar increase per year of
credited service shall be calculated and provided to all retirees, survivors,



and beneficiaries of retirants that are eligible to receive this increase; and

(2) One half (1/2) of the annual dollar increase per year of credited service shall be calculated then prorated based on the amount of contributory service credit to total service on the retirant's:

(A) Retirement date; or

(B) T-DROP entry date.

(3) The amounts under subsection (b) of this section shall be calculated and provided to all retirees, survivors, and beneficiaries of retirants.

(c)(1) The ad hoc benefit is payable to the retirees, survivors, and beneficiaries of retirants of the system beginning on a July 1 that is at least twelve (12) full months after the effective date of a monthly benefit.

(d) The ad hoc benefit for a retirant, survivor, and beneficiary of a retirant shall not increase the retirant's current benefit by more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the annuity benefit payable as of the prior June 30.

24-7-1503. Ad hoc benefit formula.

The schedule of decade dollar amounts per year of credited service is:

<u>Formula</u>	
<u>Decades in</u>	<u>Annual \$</u>
<u>Which</u>	<u>Increase Per</u>
<u>Credited</u>	<u>Year of</u>
<u>Service</u>	<u>Credited</u>
<u>Was Accrued</u>	<u>Service</u>
<u>2000 - and</u>	
<u>later</u>	<u>\$5</u>
<u>1990-1999</u>	<u>\$10</u>
<u>1980-1989</u>	<u>\$20</u>
<u>1970-1979</u>	<u>\$30</u>
<u>1960-1969</u>	<u>\$40</u>
<u>1950-1959</u>	<u>\$30</u>
<u>1940-1949</u>	<u>\$60</u>
<u>1930-1939</u>	<u>\$70</u>
<u>1929-1929</u>	<u>\$80</u>
<u>1910-1919</u>	<u>\$90</u>

24-7-1504. Promulgation of Rules - Duty of board..

(a) The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System shall promulgate rules for the ad hoc benefit under this subchapter.

(b) An ad hoc benefit under this subchapter shall not be implemented if the ad hoc benefit would cause the system's unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities to exceed a thirty-year amortization.

(c) The board shall only authorize an ad hoc benefit that is actuarially appropriate for the system.

(d) Before an increase of retirement benefit through an ad hoc benefit is authorized, the board shall file relevant information with the Joint Interim Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs regarding the actuarial appropriateness of the increase.

(e) The board may reduce the decade increase formula under § 24-15-103

proportionately on a one-to-one formula basis for each decade when the reduction is actuarially feasible to implement.

(f) The ad hoc benefit increase is a one-time adjustment and shall also be used to increase the base amount of a retirant's benefits when calculating any future additional benefit increases."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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